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SUBJ: FRG VIEW OF FRENCH CIEC POSITION

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1. ACCORDING TO FRAU STEEG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN ECONMIN, THE FRENCH DELEGATION, WHICH WAS IN BONN YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, REACHED ON THE SURFACE AGREEMENT ON COMMODITIES WITH THE GERMANS. SHE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, IT WAS A COMMITMENT TO "EXAMINE" A NUMBER OF THINGS WITHOUT AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT ANYTHING EXAMINED. SHE DOES NOT THEREFORE FEEL THAT IT REFLECTS A CHANGE IN THE POSITIONS OF EITHER COUNTRY.

2. FRAU STEEG EXPRESSED HER PERSONAL DOUBT THAT WE WOULD MEET THE DEADLINE FOR A DECEMBER CONFERENCE, AND THIS MEETING WOULD PROBABLY SLIP INTO EARLY NEXT
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YEAR. NUMBER TWO IN THE FRENCH DELEGATION HAD ALSO

EXPRESSED TO HER THE SAME PERSONAL OPINION AS TO
THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING THE DECEMBER DEADLINE.

3. FRAU STEEG'S VIEW ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF SLIPPAGE
WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE'S
WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH
SLIPPAGE.

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